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RESOLUTION ON LONG-TERM TRENDS IN REGIONAL ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT

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1. AS PER REFTTEL FOLLOWING ARE EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE ON
SUBJECT RESOLUTION PASSED BY COMMITTEE II (ECON) NOVEMBER 14.

2. ITALIAN DEL MADE FOLLOWING EXPLANATION PRIOR TO VOTE:

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MR. CHAIRMAN,

ON BEHALF OF THE DELEGATION OF THE NINE COUNTRIES OF THE
EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITIES I WISH TO EXPLAIN OUR VOTE ON
DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.2/L.1442/REV.2.

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FIRST, OUR NINE DELEGATIONS WILL FIND IT NECESSARY TO VOTE AGAINST PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH 3. I AM SURE THAT ALL PRESENT HERE ARE WELL AWARE OF THE PROBLEMS THAT THIS TEXT POSES FOR US. THE FIRST OF THESE IS NOT A NEW ONE. WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY OPPOSED THE INCLUSION OF THE PHRASE "PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE" IN RESOLUTIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS. THE REASONS FOR THIS ATTITUDE ON OUR PART HAVE FREQUENTLY BEEN SET OUT AT THE UNITED NATIONS AND ELSEWHERE. I DO NOT FIND IT NECESSARY OR USEFUL TO REITERATE THEM HERE IN DETAIL.

OUR AMENDMENT WAS PROPOSED IN THE HOPE OF AVOIDING NEEDLESS POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES AND LENGTHY NEGOTIATIONS ON THE PREAMBULAR PART OF A TEXT WHOSE PRIMARY FOCUS IS OF A TECHNICAL NATURE AND RELATES TO DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS. HOWEVER, IN THE COURSE OF FURTHER CONSULTATIONS, IT BECAME APPARENT THAT CERTAIN OF THE COSPONSORS WERE FIRMLY ATTACHED TO THE PRESENT PHRASE WHICH HAS LONG BEEN THE SUBJECT OF POLITICAL DIFFERENCES. WE APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT PART OF THE WORDING WE HAVE PROPOSED IS NOW INCLUDED IN THE SECOND REVISION OF THIS DRAFT. UNFORTUNATELY THOUGH, THE WORDS "PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE" REMAIN IN THE TEXT; CONSEQUENTLY, OUR PROBLEM IS NOT YET RESOLVED.

OUR SECOND DIFFICULTY RELATES TO A MUCH MORE RECENT DEVELOPMENT. IN THE COURSE OF THIS WEEK, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS REDEFINED A CONCEPT WHICH APPEARS IN PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH 3, THAT OF "RACIAL DISCRIMINATION". THE VIEWS OF OUR NINE GOVERNMENTS ON THIS MATTER HAVE BEEN CLEARLY STATED IN THE THIRD COMMITTEE BY THE ITALIAN PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE ON OCTOBER 3 AND 16 (SEE DOCUMENTS A/C.3/SR.2121 AND A/C.3/SR. 2132).

FURTHERMORE, I SHOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT THE DELEGATIONS OF THE NINE MUCH REGRET, THAT THE DELIBERATE INCLUSION OF POLITICALLY CONTROVERSIAL LANGUAGE IN THE PREAMBULAR PART AND THE TIME SPENT IN ITS DISCUSSION, HAVE MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO HAVE A MEANINGFUL AND DETAILED DISCUSSION OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THIS RESOLUTION. WE RECOGNIZE THAT WORK ALREADY IN PROGRESS WITHIN THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE IS THE INSPIRATION OF THIS RESOLUTION. BUT WE SHOULD HAVE PREFERRED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXAMINE WHETHER SIMILAR EXERCISES CAN PROFITABLY BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE OTHER REGIONAL COMMISSIONS. THE NECESSARY STATISTICAL BASE MAY BE MUCH LESS COMPLETE FOR SOME OF THE OTHER REGIONS. FURTHERMORE, WE ARE NOT YET EVEN IN A POSITION TO EVALUATE WHETHER THE RESULTS OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE WILL PROVE VALUABLE. WE WOULD THEREFORE BE RELUCTANT TO IMPOSE ON THE OTHER COMMISSIONS A REORDERING OF THEIR PRIORITIES AT THIS STAGE.

THE PRECEDING CONSIDERATIONS WILL MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE
FOR US TO VOTE IN FAVOUR OF THIS DRAFT RESOLUTION.

THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.
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3. US DEL (MYERSON) MADE FOLLOWING EXPLANATION PRIOR TO VOTE:

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EXPLANATION OF VOTE ON THE POLISH RESOLUTION

MY DELEGATION WILL VOTE AGAINST THE THIRD PREAMBULAR
PARAGRAPH BECAUSE ITS WORDING IS AMBIGUOUS, IMPRECISE,
AND IRRELEVANT TO THE STATED PURPOSES OF THE RESOLUTION
AND REFERS TO A TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE CONCEPT. WE WILL
ABSTAIN ON THE RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE BECAUSE OF THE THIRD
PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH AND BECAUSE WE QUESTION THE UTILITY
OF THE STUDY PURPOSES SET IN MOTION BY THE OPERATIVE PARA-
GRAPH OF THE RESOLUTION.

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